Year	Revenue (Rs. in crores)
1991-92	300.61
1992-93	360.23
1993-94	372.98
1994-95	398.02
1995-96	430.13

The Government does not maintain records of revenue earned by foreign/ private TV channels.

(b) The information is not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(c) The procedure for assessment and collection of taxes from foreign television channels on their earnings from advertisements is the same as in other cases. However, keeping in view the problems in computation of income in the cases of foreign telecasting companies which do not have any branch office or permanent establishment in India or are not maintaining country-wise accounts, the Central Board of Direct Taxes has issued guidelines for computing the taxable income by adopting presumptive profit rate of 10% of the gross receipts meant for remittance abroad or the income returned by such companies whichever is higher.

Facilities to Thalessemia Patients in Madhya Pradesh

1619. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a major programme to make pure blood available at the district and sub-divisional hospitals in Madhya Pradesh and other States of the country to the children suffering from Thalessamia particularly for those poor children who cannot afford blood from private blood banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other facilities are being provided/are proposed to be provided to Thalessamia patients in Madhya Pradesh by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) For providing safe blood to needy persons, including thalessemia patients, under the Blood Safety component of National AIDS Control Programme, Govt. have set up a network of 154 Zonal Blood testing centres all over the country with linkages to blood Banks in Govt., Voluntary and Private Blood banks. The Blood Banks located in the Govt. Sectors are also being modernised with basic blood bank equipment and recurring grant to purchase blood bags and test kits for testing of blood for blood transmissible disease, namely, hepatitis, Syphilis and Malaria. In Madhya Pradesh, 9 Zonal Blood Testing Centres have been established and all the 49 Govt. Blood Banks have been modernised. Three Blood Banks *viz.* (i) Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital Blood Bank, Indore, (ii) Hamedia Hospital Medical College, Bhopal and (iii) Blood Bank, Gwalior Medical College Hospital, have also been modernised in respect of Blood Component manufacturing. Government have exempted Custom duty on Desferral injection to Thalesmic patients who are also being given priority for provision of blood subject to its availablity.

Medium and Long Range Debt

1620. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total medium and long term debt of the country as on 30th June, 1996;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said debt is higher than the national assets;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the external debt?